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ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY REPORT RELEASED FOR AMADOR COUNTY

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The State Board of Equalization (BOE) today released an assessment practices survey report on Amador County. As the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, the BOE reviews each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years.

The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies possible improvements. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

The BOE's report focused on the quality of the 2004-2005 Amador County assessment roll, which contained about 25,200 assessments totaling \$3.03 billion in value. The report found that the overall quality of the assessment roll in Amador County met state standards.

The report contains several recommendations for the assessor, which includes properly assessing all private interests in government-owned properties and only accepting business property statements with authorized signatures.

The Board collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Click Here to View the 2006 Amador County Assessment Practices Survey

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